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How to Discern and Pastor Charisms

by Dr. Mary Healy

Pope Francis is giving the whole Church what I believe is a prophetic word: **It is time to turn outward.** It is time to mobilize every Catholic to take the good news of Christ out to the highways and byways and invite the lost to come home to their heavenly Father. As the Church awakens to this call, Catholics are realizing in a new way the vital role that the charisms of the Holy Spirit play in evangelization. In fact, without charisms there can be no effective evangelization.

However, we all know that charisms are not always used properly. Many of us have witnessed the misuse and even abuse of charisms. This raises the question: how are charisms to be discerned and pastored? The letters of St. Paul provide clear instruction for this task.

Paul teaches us the right overall approach to charisms:

"Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying, but test everything; hold fast what is good, abstain from every form of evil"

(1 Thes 5:19-22; see also 1 Cor. 14:39-40).

This shows that the accent is first and foremost on welcoming charisms because of their marvelous power to build up the body of Christ and show forth God's glory. This means that for those in leadership, it is not enough to wait passively for charisms to appear. Leaders should also actively cultivate charisms—teach about them, put people in positions of service where charisms can be used, encourage those who take baby steps in practicing them, provide training, mentoring and feedback. There is an inertia in human nature that makes it easy for us to rely on our own resources, so leaders need to continually exhort people to go beyond their comfort zones and yield to the Holy Spirit.

But secondly, charisms have to be tested as to whether they are authentic and are being used properly. Wherever

there is the genuine fire of the Holy Spirit, Satan is likely to throw false fire to confuse the faithful and discredit the work of God. Paul provides us with basic principles for discernment.

First, there is the principle of truth. Paul says, "I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Jesus be cursed!'" and



no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor 12:3). This may seem obvious, but his point is that an authentic use of charisms always focuses attention on Christ the Lord and gives glory to him, rather than drawing attention to us. This is especially important for the more extraordinary charisms like healings and miracles, where there is always danger of using these gifts for self-promotion and human applause, or even financial gain. This principle also implies that a charism, especially if it is a word gift like prophecy, must be in full accord with the teachings of the Church.

Second, there is the principle of love. It is not coincidental that right in the center of his teaching on charisms in 1 Corinthians 12-14 is Paul's great hymn to love in chapter 13. Love is not itself a charism—it is the supreme gift of the Spirit, a share in God's own divine

life, and is therefore the measure and standard for all exercise of charisms. A charism must always be motivated by love and must strengthen love in the body of Christ—whether by arousing faith, deepening understanding, stirring people to worship, healing the sick, or piercing hearts with conviction of sin. This is especially important for prophecy, in which one can sometimes sense that there is an underlying spirit of bitterness or judgment. On the other hand, if the speaker is motivated by a pure and burning love for God's people, even a stern word can have a powerfully edifying effect.

Whose responsibility is it to discern?

The first discernment is on the part of the person using a charism. He or she should always consider: Will manifesting this charism at this moment bring glory to Jesus? Will it be truly be upbuilding to others? Then, since no one

is fully qualified to discern their own charism, he or she should submit to the discernment of the prayer group or community leaders. Ultimately, discernment is the responsibility of the pastors of the Church.

If we persevere in sound pastoring and discernment, people will mature in the use of charisms, and the Lord will use them mightily as we go out into the world with the good news of Christ.

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At this year's 44th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention, Sept. 4-6, 2015, Dr. Mary Healy will be giving 3 talks.

Friday: *The Sacred Responsibility of Being Baptized in the Spirit.*

Saturday: *Women in Scripture*

Sunday: *Charismatic Gifts in Your Everyday Life.*

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5. Have experienced Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
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Saturday, Aug. 1
9:30am - 12:30pm

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412 N. Crescent Way
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After the Prayer Training on Saturday, August 1... we invite you to stay for "Come Holy Spirit", a time of Charismatic Praise, Worship & Teaching, 2:00-4:00pm with Deacon Steve Greco & others. Admission is free! All are welcome. Freewill love offering.

Saturday, Aug. 8
10:00am - 12:45pm
(Mass at 9:00am)

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Young Adult Brother & Sister Share About...

Growing Up at the SCRC Convention



by Sean & Thérèse Brown

My first memories of SCRC are a really big room with a dark gray floor and a lot of people. I went with my mom when I was three years old, and have been back nearly every single year since then. I attended the children's program, the teen track, and the young adult program, never wanting to miss a year. I met other children there that I saw year after year, and I remember playing games with them, watching VeggieTales and Bible stories, completing religious-themed crafts, and learning about God's love.

Our parents taught us about the faith at home, and SCRC reinforced all that we were taught, and provided us with another way to experience it. The teen track was especially inspiring, and fueled me for the coming year of junior high or high school. The leaders were funny, caring, relatable, and unafraid

to speak truth. They provided skits and talks on subjects that young people need to hear the Church's teaching and perspective on; things that they experience and struggles that they have. The videos, talks, skits, and activities were engaging and informational, and strengthened us to live out our faith.

In addition, the teen track was an amazing experience because we were surrounded by so many people our age who were like us who believed the same things, followed the same Lord, and were on fire for their faith in the same way. One of the most memorable and meaningful parts of the teen conference for me every year was Adoration. Being in the presence of our Lord, with soft and beautiful worship music in the background, provided a way for me to experience His love and let Him speak to my heart, and nearly

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every time I was moved to tears (as were many others in the room). †



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weeks later I was sitting at a healing Mass at SCRC and the priest said, "there is a young man whose left shoulder is hurting...the pain is going away," and in that moment my shoulder stopped throbbing, and hasn't hurt since; that was the first time I had ever experienced a physical healing.

As my sister, Thérèse, and I went through the children's, teen's, and young adult track, we learned how to better live out our Catholic faith, and at the same time be more effective witnesses. Like many of our peers, a huge portion of our friends are not Catholic, some are evangelical, and others are atheists. Because of this we were provided with many occasions to share our faith with our friends; and although we were always able to answer any questions or misconceptions about what we believe as Catholics, it was mainly our experiences at the SCRC teen track that gave us many of the

tools we needed in order to be confident witnesses to the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith.

Recently my sister and I have been blessed with more opportunities to share what we have learned and experienced at SCRC through bible studies, young adult groups, and charismatic prayer groups. Neither of us would have been confident or comfortable doing any of this if we didn't know there are hundreds of other young Catholics who are just as excited about their faith, and who are dealing with the same issues, doubts, and fears that we were. Although we don't personally know the vast majority of young people who go to SCRC every year, the communal prayer, adoration, praise and worship, and healing Masses are very powerful and moving experiences that bring all of us together as brothers and sisters in Christ, and every year we are reminded that we are not alone. †

Every SCRC convention is memorable, but I think the most memorable experience I had at SCRC was a few years back. I had hurt my rotator cuff on a camping trip, and 3



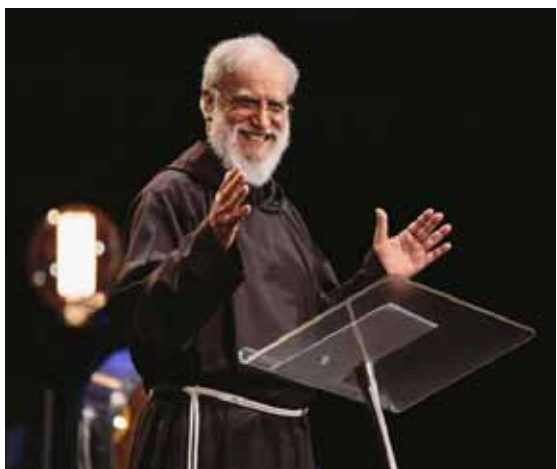
**“Without prayer,
there is no place
for the Holy Spirit.”**

-Pope Francis
April 28, 2015

POPE FRANCIS

“Without prayer, there is no place for the Holy Spirit. Ask God to send us this gift: ‘Lord, give us the Holy Spirit so that we may discern at all times what we have to do.’ This is not always one and the same thing. The message is the same: The Church moves forward, the Church goes ahead with these surprises and with the changes of the Holy Spirit.”

It is through the Holy Spirit, he added, that Christians can see the truth. Therefore he encouraged Christians to pray for this grace and to follow what the Spirit asks.



Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap., (*Preacher to the Papal Household*) in his 5th Lenten Homily 2015 stated:

“What I would like to highlight at this moment is one specific point: in what sense and under what aspect can one say that this reality is a chance for the Catholic Church...?”

I think it is this: it allows us

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-Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap.
March 27, 2015

to restore to Christian salvation the rich and inspiring positive content summed up in the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

“The primary goal of Christian life is once again shown to be, as St. Seraphim of Sarov said, ‘the acquisition of the Holy Spirit.’”

Fr. Cantalamessa then quotes St. John Paul II: “The Catholic charismatic movement is one of the many fruits of the Second Vatican Council, which, like a new Pentecost, led to an extraordinary flourishing in the

Church’s life of groups and movements particularly sensitive to the action of the Spirit.... How many lay faithful – men, women, young people, adults and the elderly – have been able to experience in their own lives the amazing power of the Spirit and his gifts! How many people have rediscovered the faith, the joy of prayer, the power and beauty of the Word of God, translating all this into generous service in the Church’s mission! How many lives have been profoundly changed!”

July, 2015 Calendar

SAN FERNANDO REGION Thursday, July 16

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Mike Barry, SSCC at St. Joseph the Worker, 19855 Sherman Way, Canoga Park. (Praise & Worship at 7:00pm)

Saturday, July 25

San Fernando Valley Magnificat Brunch, 10:00am with guest speaker: Angela Perez Baraquio at The Odyssey, 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills. Reservations: \$26. After July 14: \$30. Teens: \$16 www.magnificatsfv.com. Contact: Teri: 805-527-3745.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Saturday, July 25

"Full of Grace"...

A Day of Teaching, Prayer & Mass, 10:00am-4:00pm with Fr. Jerry Thompson & Dominic Berardino at St. Bruno Parish Hall, 15740 Citrustree Rd., Whittier. \$20 before July 20, \$25 at the door.

Topics:

Apparitions of Our Lady
and the Saints

Mary Messenger of God
Mary Crushes the Serpent
Mass included.

Please see page 7 or register online at scrc.org

Saturday, July 25

Mass & Healing Service, 9:30am at St. Luke with Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR, 5605 Cloverly, Temple City. (Praise and Worship at 9:00am)

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, July 20

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Ismael Robles at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk.

Monday, July 27

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Ismael Robles at St. Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach.

ORANGE DIOCESE

Monday, July 27

Mass & Healing Service, 7:15pm with Fr. Jerry Thompson at St. Angela Merici, 585 S. Walnut, Brea.



August, 2015 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION Wednesday, August 12

Mass & Healing Service, 7pm with Fr. Joachim Lepcha at St. Mary's, 207 S. School, Santa Maria.

SAN FERNANDO REGION Saturday, August 8

"Come Learn How to Pray for Others"..., 10:00am-12:45pm (Mass at 9:00am) at St. Finbar Parish Hall, 2010 W. Olive Ave., (at Keystone), Burbank. Speakers: Deacon Milt & Jeannie Rosenberg & Maria Velasquez. (In conjunction with SCRC Convention Volunteer Gathering) No Admission Fee! Please reserve a seat at spirit@scrc.org See inside front cover for more information.

Thursday, August 20

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Ramon Valera at St. Joseph the Worker, 19855 Sherman Way, Canoga Park. (Praise & Worship at 7pm)

SAN PEDRO REGION

Monday, August 17

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker, Norwalk.

Monday, August 24

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. George Reynolds at St. Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach.

ORANGE DIOCESE

Saturday, August 1

"Come Learn How to Pray for Others"..., 9:30am-12:30pm at St. Thomas Korean Catholic Center, 412 N. Crescent Way, Anaheim. Speakers: Dr. Elizabeth Kim, Ned & Darlene Chavira. No Admission Fee! Please reserve a seat at scrc.org. See inside front cover for more information.

Saturday, August 1

"Come Holy Spirit", Charismatic Praise, Worship & Teaching, 2:00-4:00pm at St. Thomas Korean Catholic Center, 412 N. Crescent Way, Anaheim with Deacon Steve Greco and others. Admission is free! All are welcome. Freewill love offering.

Monday, August 24

Mass & Healing Service, 7:15pm with Fr. Ismael Robles at St. Angela Merici, 585 S. Walnut, Brea.



Prayer for Our Nation

(Independence Day - July 4)

God our Father, Giver of life,
we entrust the United States of
America to Your loving care.

You are the rock
on which this nation was founded.
You alone are the true source
of our cherished rights to life, liberty
and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and
dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts
of our nation's leaders. Open their
minds to the great worth of human
life and the responsibilities that
accompany human freedom.
Remind Your people that true
happiness is rooted in seeking
and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of
Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our
land, grant us the courage
to reject the "culture of death."
Lead us into a new millennium of life.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Friendly Reminder:

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SAN BERNARDINO DIOCESE Thursday, August 20

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**Mary
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Mary
Crushes the Serpent**

Mass Included

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